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May 26, 2015

By certified and regular mail Ms. Nina Fulton 3429 C South Broad Street Apt. C Hamilton, NJ 08610

Re: Final Order of Discipline

Dear Ms. Fulton:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Final Order of Discipline, filed by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing on May 26, 2015. By the terms of the order, a \$200 civil penalty has been imposed. For payment instructions, please see pages 3-4, paragraph #1 of the order.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Nina Fulton, C.H.H.A. Certificate No. 26NH13872600

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Nina Fulton ("Respondent") is a certified homemakerhome health aide in the State of New Jersey and has been a
 licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on June 10, 2014 by the Hamilton Township Police for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1, Assault, the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record in Hamilton, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or

about June 30, 2014. A response was due within twenty (20) days. The regular mailing was not returned; the certified mailing was returned as unclaimed.

3. To date, Respondent has not responded to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3, which the Board deems professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on January 30, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide and imposing a \$200 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all

reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, providing the Board with all the information requested in the Board's original inquiry. The Board therefore determined that suspension was no longer applicable under the terms of the Provisional Order. The Board further determined, however, that respondent's failure to timely respond to the Board's request for information resulted in a delay in the Board's investigation, and a needless expenditure of resources because it required the issuance of an order to obtain pertinent information from this licensee. The Board therefore found that imposition of the \$200 penalty was warranted.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 26th day of May, 2015, ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200). Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010,

Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of this order. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

2. The Board reserves the right to initiate disciplinary proceedings based upon any information that Respondent has provided in response to the letter of inquiry or upon any new information the Board receives.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

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